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Croat Emigres to Demonstrate Before Yugoslav Consulates

Demonstrations by Croat emigres are planned in those Canadian and US cities that have resident Yugoslav consuls. An emigre paper Danica has called on the emigres to protest the first anniversary of the Zagreb student strike on 1-2 December and there are reports of organized efforts to turn out demonstrators.

The Yugoslavs have already asked the political counselor in Belgrade to see that local US officials forbid the planned demonstrations. Belgrade is aware that prohibiting demonstrations is not legally possible but they are presenting a strong case to emphasize their distress, and deepen US embarrassment if the demonstrations turn violent. The Yugoslavs particularly warned that groups in Chicago and New York have been responsible for recent violent excesses.

The coming protests could end as one of the first tests of the new federal law on protection of foreign official guests. If there are violations, Belgrade will expect full prosecution under the law. US officials have frequently turned aside past complaints about emigre activities with requests for information on violations of US law. The Yugoslavs will almost certainly portray any lapses in the worst possible light.

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Poles Backtrack on Scandinavian Visa Deals

The Poles may be backing away from their original proposal to abolish visa requirements with Scandinavian countries. As recently as this July, Foreign Minister Olszowski was actively pursuing an agreement with various Nordic countries to provide for visa free travel; in most cases his Scandinavian counterparts finessed the suggestion with an explanation that it would have to be undertaken on an area-wide basis. Now, the Scandinavians apparently have discussed it, and the Danes have offered an affirmative reply. To their surprise, however, the Poles reacted relatively coolly and replied that they looked forward to mutual abolition of visas in 1974 or 1975; the Danes had anticipated abolition effective the first of January 1973.

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The Poles offered no explanation for seeming to drag their feet on this issue after originally proposing and pushing it. They probably have been receiving lectures from their Warsaw Pact allies, however, regarding the need for a united Pact position on the Western proposal for "freer movement" at the CSCE preparatory talks. Two pact members, Bulgaria and Romania, already have visa-free agreements with Sweden, so it is doubtful that the Pact opposes this minor step toward detente in principle. The problem, therefore, presumably is a matter of timing; the bloc may not want Poland to take this step with all the accompanying publicity at the same time that East and West are negotiating CSCE topics in Helsinki. [REDACTED] 25X1

Hungarian Visit to the US

The visit, by Hungarian Deputy Premier Valyi, promises to boost further the upward momentum in bilateral relations, judging by Valyi's own plans and hopes for the trip. The deputy premier, who will be the highest ranking Hungarian official to visit the US in the post-World War II period, responded on Tuesday to Ambassador Puhon's two-week old offer to discuss plans for the trip. During 45 minutes of cordial conversation (coming, incidentally, on the second day of the Brezhnev stay in Budapest), Valyi proposed a ten-day visit in February to include appropriate high-level sessions with the Secretaries of state and Commerce as well as a call on Congressional people concerned with East-West trade. The Hungarian said he would be prepared to sign the claims agreement, initialed in early October, and did not rule out the signature of a cultural agreement, if one can be completed.

Valyi also wants to do some touring. His proposed itinerary includes side-trips to Florida or New Orleans, to the Chicago-Minneapolis-St. Paul area, and visits to the Kennedy Center, the New York Museum of Modern Art, and a Broadway musical. Valyi offered to make speaking appearances at a smaller university and before the "Foreign Affairs Council". Finally, he plumped for a little free time, as he put it, "to walk through the streets and browse in some book stores." [REDACTED] 25X1

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